

the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together. In contrast, the present restriction requirement subjects the Applicants to the added financial burden of prosecuting Claims 1-41 and Claims 42-29 in separate proceedings.

An early and favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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